

J. Stephen Torrey, Jr
217 Diamond Ave
Balboa Island, CA 92662

May 27, 2013

Judge John C Woolley, Hearing Officer
City of Newport Beach

Re: Jane Bakman Residence – 219 Diamond Ave, Balboa Island
Reasonable Accommodation No. RA2011-002

As owners of the property just south of the referenced property, and unable to attend the May 30th hearing in person, we would like to make the following comments:

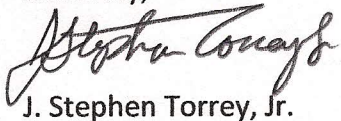
-In 2012, we completed our home remodel of two bathrooms and installed an elevator, all for handicap access reasons. Our architect was able to accomplish this without adding any square footage to the structure.

-We welcome the remodel of the Bakman residence with handicap access so that Virginia Bakman will be able to move from Fresno into the home with her daughter. We believe this can be accomplished without a third story or variances to City code.

-We encourage the City of Newport Beach to allow the Bakmans to remodel their home to accommodate Virginia and any person with disabilities. We're concerned that it has taken many years for the City and the Bakmans to come to terms on a remodel plan, and having seen construction fencing and the deteriorating exterior, we would appreciate a speedy plan to return the home to a pleasant condition.

We encourage both parties to agree on a specific remodel plan for accessibility that meets within city building codes.

Sincerely,



J. Stephen Torrey, Jr.

Cc: Kathy Torrey, Mike Torrey and Stephanie Sanguinetti